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## OPGS News

**GIRC Hours.** *The Grant Information Resource Center (GIRC)* provides technical assistance and information about resources that improve community services in the District of Columbia for its “customers” -District government, nonprofit, and faith-based representatives. The primary focus is to assist customers who either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to strengthen their organizations. The GIRC will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m., by appointment only. Thursdays are reserved for previous GIRC users. To make an appointment call 202-727-8900.

## Federal Opportunities

Please note – if the link for a Federal Grant opportunity does not work, go to [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and enter the CFDA # (found in our Grants Database <http://app.opgs.dc.gov/grantautomation/grantfinder.asp> by inputting the “Grant ID” number provided below).

**Children, Youth and Families at Risk Sustainable Community Projects.** *Department of Agriculture (USDA)* announces funds to improve the quality and quantity of comprehensive community-based programs for at-risk children, youth, and families supported by the Cooperative Extension System. Collaboration across disciplines, program areas, and geographic lines, as well a holistic approach that views the individual in the context of the family and community, are central to Sustainable Community Projects.

**Eligibility:** Public and state controlled institutions of higher education and private institutions of higher education.

**Deadline:** October 23, 2009.

**Funds:** \$800,000 is available to fund awards ranging from \$100,000-\$140,000.

**Information:** Suzanne Le Menestrel at (202) 720-2297 or [slemenestrel@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:slemenestrel@csrees.usda.gov); or go to:

[http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/cyfar\\_scp.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/cyfar_scp.html).

**GrantID:** GD3564

**FY2009 Community Development Technical Assistance (CD-TA).** *Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)* announces funds to provide technical assistance to achieve the highest level of performance and results for five separate community development program areas: (1) HOME Program (HOME); (2) HOME Investment Partnerships for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO, HOME); (3) the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance (Homeless); (4) Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA); and (5) for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, state governments, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, public housing authorities, for-profit organizations other than small businesses and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** October 21, 2009.

**Funds:** \$23,800,000 is available.

**Information:** Guadalupe M. Herrera at (202) 708-4604 or [Guadalupe.M.Herrera@hud.gov](mailto:Guadalupe.M.Herrera@hud.gov); or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov> enter CFDA# 14.239 to download forms.

**GrantID:** GD3563

**National Planning Grants and Indian Tribes Planning Grants.** *Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)* announces funds to support the development of AmeriCorps programs so applicants are better prepared to compete for a multi-state AmeriCorps grant in the following grant cycle.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, public housing authorities, private institutions of higher education, individuals and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** October 19, 2009.

**Funds:** \$250,000 is available to fund 5 awards. A match is required.

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**Information:** AmeriCorps National at (202) 606-7508 or [americorpsnational@cns.gov](mailto:americorpsnational@cns.gov); or go to: [http://www.americorps.gov/for\\_organizations/funding/nofa\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_nofa\\_id=73](http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=73).

**GrantID:** GD3562

## District Opportunities

**Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants.** *Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)* announces funds to support the provision of early childhood education, adult literacy (adult basic and secondary-level education and/or instruction for English language learners), parent education, and interactive parent and child literacy activities in the District of Columbia.

**Eligibility:** Independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** October 16, 2009.

**Funds:** \$299,000 is available to fund 2 awards.

**Information:** Tracy Winston at [tracy.winston@dc.gov](mailto:tracy.winston@dc.gov); or go to:

<http://osse.dc.gov/seo/cwp/view,a,1222,q,561753,seoNav,%7C31195%7C.asp>.

**GrantID:** GD3556

**Small Projects Program.** *Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH)* announces funds to support small-scale arts projects with total budgets that do not exceed \$4,000. Projects may include but are not limited to: Art presentations; Assistance in fundraising, marketing and management; Documentation of artistic activities through photography, brochures, portfolios and demo tapes; and Conferences, workshops or seminars that will enhance artistic and professional development.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations and individuals.

**Deadline:** September 30, 2009.

**Funds:** Awards range up to \$2,000.

**Information:** Ebony Blanks at (202) 724-5613 or [ebony.blanks@dc.gov](mailto:ebony.blanks@dc.gov); or go to:

<http://www.dccarts.dc.gov/dccarts/cwp/view,a,3,q,528251,dccartsNav,316241.asp>.

**GrantID:** GD3565

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

District Agency	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
Department of Housing and Community Development	Legal Services Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Grant	September 18, 2009
Child and Family Services	FY2010 Volunteer Mentor Partnership	October 15, 2009

## Foundations

**Neighbors in Need Fund Systems Reform Grants.** *Community Foundation for the National Capital Region (CFNCR)* announces funds to support systems reform efforts focused on strengthening the safety-net infrastructure and helping people mitigate the effects of the current economic recession. The Fund is interested in proposals that support Advocacy/Organizing and Alignment/Coalition-Building to Improve Service Delivery.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** October 5, 2009.

**Pre-application Webinar:** A webinar will be held on September 15, 2009. However, registration is now closed. If you have any questions, please call (202) 955-5890 or [grants@cfncr.org](mailto:grants@cfncr.org).

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**Funds:** Awards range up to \$75,000.

**Information:** Community Foundation at (202) 955-5890 or [grants@cfncr.org](mailto:grants@cfncr.org); or go to:  
<http://www.cfncr.org/site/c.ihLSJ5PLKuG/b.5114843/k.C5E0/Grants.htm>.

**GrantID:** GD3560

**Peaceful Pathways: Reducing Exposure to Violence.** *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)* announces funds to support projects to reduce violence in specific communities such as those defined by race, ethnicity, tribe, gender, sexual identity or rural/frontier location.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** January 5, 2010.

**Funds:** \$1,000,000 is available to fund awards ranging from \$50,000-\$200,000. A match is required.

**Information:** Leticia Peguero at (609) 275-4128 or [lpeguero@localfundingpartnerships.org](mailto:lpeguero@localfundingpartnerships.org); or go to:  
<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20781>.

**GrantID:** GD3561

**Safety-net Enhancement Initiative.** *Kresge Foundation* announces funds to reduce disparities and improve the health outcomes of low-income children and adults by enhancing collaboration among the agencies and institutions providing health and social supports in their communities. This is a four-year initiative consisting of two parts: (1) a program planning and design phase and (2) a demonstration phase.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, state governments, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations and hospitals.

**Deadline:** November 16, 2009.

**Funds:** 15 awards will be funded ranging from \$75,000-\$750,000.

**Information:** Grants Inquiry Coordinator at (248) 643-9630 or go to:  
[http://www.kresge.org/index.php/what/caring\\_communities/#safetynet](http://www.kresge.org/index.php/what/caring_communities/#safetynet).

**GrantID:** GD3559

## Announcements and Resources

**Applications Available for 2010 Mayor's Environmental Excellence Awards.** District of Columbia businesses and nonprofit organizations may now apply for the 2010 Mayor's Environmental Excellence Awards. Administered by the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), the awards program is in its second year and will recognize winners in seven categories. The awards recognize environmental stewardship, innovative best practices, pollution prevention and resource conservation in the following categories: Construction/Development; Partner (Association or Nonprofit); Restaurant/Food Service; Innovation in Green Products or Services; Hotel; Small Business (100 or fewer employees); and Large Business (More than 100 employees). Applications and instructions can be found at <http://ddoe.dc.gov/awards>. The application period ends January 29, 2010, and awards will be distributed in the spring.

## Previous Announcements and Resources

**Celebrating Solutions Awards.** *Mary Byron Project*, a national organization working to address the root causes of domestic violence and help build safer, healthier communities announces awards to showcase and applaud local innovations that demonstrate promise in breaking the cycle of violence. The program provides cash awards of \$10,000 to each organization. The awards would be presented to programs that can serve as models for the nation in their efforts to reduce violence. Eligible applicants are non-profits organizations and government agencies. Application deadline is November 17, 2009. For guidelines and nomination forms go to:  
<http://marybyronproject.org/CelebratingSolutions.html>.

**Competition: Rethinking Mental Health: Improving Community Wellbeing.** *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)* announces an online, open source competition co-sponsored by RWJF's

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Vulnerable Populations Portfolio and Changemakers, that challenges organizations to explore innovations that allow individuals, families, communities and society to move past narrow perceptions of mental health and expand our understanding and collective involvement in finding solutions. The deadline for applications is October 14, 2009. For more information and to download the application go to <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20881>.

**Christie Cookie \$25,000 Charity Giveaway:** Christie Cookies has decided to use the celebration of its 25th anniversary by creating The Christie Cookie \$25,000 Charity Giveaway. From now until October 15, people can nominate their favorite charities to win. The most-nominated charity will receive a check for \$10,000. The runner-up wins \$5,000 and 10 more will receive \$1,000 each. Nominations can be made online at [www.ChristieCookies.com](http://www.ChristieCookies.com) in a simple, less than two-minute contest with one entry per person/email.

## **Do Something Save Our Music Contest**

VH1 and Do Something are calling on you to lead the fight for music education in schools. From now until October 16th, take action - tell everyone to "Save Our Music!" Organize an instrument drive. Create viral videos on what music means to you. Run an awareness campaign in your school. The top 5 advocates will receive \$1,000 for their school music program and Rock Band Video game packages. One grand prize winner gets \$2500 in music funding and a Beatles Rock Band game system. Submit your projects by October 23, 2009, for a chance to win. Get started at: [SaveOurMusic.org](http://SaveOurMusic.org).

## **Free Training in Methods of Continuous Quality Improvement**

The DC Primary Care Association, DCPCA, under a grant with DC Department of Health (DOH), will provide coaching and training in the methods of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). Continuous improvement is an ongoing effort to improve products, services or processes. These efforts can seek "incremental" improvement over time or "breakthrough" improvement all at once. This training is strongly recommended for organizations planning to respond to the Chronic Care Initiative Project Improvement RFA and other upcoming grants in chronic care. An RFA will be released in the next couple of months. The On-Boarding Session (training) will take place on September 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., location TBA. Registration may be made by contacting the [ChronicCareInitiative@dc.gov](mailto:ChronicCareInitiative@dc.gov) – or mail registration requests to Geraldine Pierce, c/o Dr. Joanne Lynn, Bureau Chief, Cancer and Chronic Disease, District of Columbia Department of Health's Community Health Administration, 825 N. Capitol St., NE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Washington DC 20003. Please include contact information in case the Bureau needs to follow-up with you.

**Participate in KaBOOM! Play Day and Become Eligible for Grants for Playground Projects.** Become eligible to receive a KaBOOM! grant for a playspace enhancement by hosting a Play Day! Complete the step-by-step Play Day Planner and then celebrate your Play Day by posting your stories, photos and videos. Sign up to host a KaBOOM! Play Day in your community from September 19-27, and you'll receive a free Play Day kit full of games, activities, and improvement projects. To support the cause, NFL PLAY 60 is offering Play Day communities \$25,000 in grants to come together to improve their local parks and play spaces with clean-ups and simple enhancement and construction projects. For more information visit: <http://kaboom.org/tabid/882/Default.aspx>.

**Seminar: How Will the New IRS Form 990 Impact Your Organization?** *Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman, CPAs*, a firm that provides accounting, auditing and consulting services to nonprofit organizations, announces an upcoming seminar titled "How Will the New IRS Form 990 Impact Your Organization?" The speakers, two Nonprofit Tax Specialists from Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman, will explain exactly how the new Form 990 has changed and provide practical tips on completing the new Form 990 and interpreting the many new instructions. The seminar is open to nonprofits with revenues of \$1 million+, for-profit corporations including government contractors, research and development firms, retail businesses, professional service firms, partnerships, trusts and individual clients. It will be held on Thursday September 24, 2009 at Marriott Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335

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Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda, Maryland 20814. For online registration go to: <http://www.grfcpa.com> or email [MARKETING@GRFCPA.COM](mailto:MARKETING@GRFCPA.COM), or call (301) 663-8578. Advance registration is required.

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